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## White Man Brutally Ravisher a 3-Year Old Negro Girl.

**I. B. Kimbrell, Republican Prosecuting Attorney, Refused to Prosecute Him. Judge H. G. Kyle, of Police Court, Fined Man \$5.00**

W. F. Simpson was up before the police court on the charge of ravishing a three-year-old Negro girl. The evidence was conclusive as the child's mother came in and screamed for help. The officer making the arrest thought the matter so grave a case that he carried the man before the criminal court. I. B. Kimbrell, county prosecuting attorney said there was not sufficient evidence to hold him on, and ordered him sent to the police court where Judge Kyle fined him \$5.00. The entire affair was conclusive. There were four witnesses besides the police surgeon who examined the girl and Captain Weber who appeared personally to prosecute the man for committing such a terrible crime. It shows through the indifferent manner of the prosecuting attorney that he is not doing his duty by the Negro race.

**DR. THEODORE SMITH,**  
A Leading Exponent of the Negro as  
a Factor in the Commercial  
World.

Theo Smith, the operator of three drug stores, has three men in his employ, paying them not less than \$300 per month. Besides employing two delivery boys, he is paying over \$1,800 a year for rent. He is the only negro in the United States operating three drug stores. He is paying more money for help than the highest paid Negroes of this city receive for salary. He came to Kansas City five years ago to work in the Eureka Drug store, and now he is operating three stores of his own. Mr. Smith contemplates running a summer garden and he also intends to renovate his Twelfth street drug store. He is installing up-to-date cash registers in all of his places.

Mr. Smith writes his checks freely to charitable institutions, and is always willing to give his support to anything that will benefit the race. Is such a man, who is contributing so much valuable aid to his race worth keeping in this community, or shall we allow a few jealous, bias, hungry physicians to drive him out of town. One of the most important things which has enabled Dr. Smith to maintain his position in the community against the strong opposition of certain physicians is his valuable knowledge of various medicines.

He has a knowledge of over 142 formulas and is constantly putting them on the market. It is through this information and long experience in the drug business which has enabled him to get by. It matters not what is your complaint, if it can be cured by drugs, Dr. Smith can reach your case by selecting from his large store of private formulas, a formula that will cure your particular case. In the last 18 months he has cured over 250 persons and has written testimonials to that effect. He has sent his preparations as far east as New York, and as far west as California, and as far south as North Carolina. Mr. Smith has been and is doing an extensive business ever since the negro physicians held a meeting and decided to boycott his store. The public has not been aware of what this genius has been doing but later on you will see more of his work showing to the Negroes that he is a great Negro leader in the commercial world and that he has made good.

Here is one of his prescriptions for the rheumatism:  
Potassi Iodidi zi  
Sodii Sol zi  
Tongaline zi  
Smith anagetic Co qs zi  
M—Sig—zi—tid  
After meals  
If you should have this prescription filled at any one of his stores it will cost you 75 cents and if it should fail to cure you, he will refund you your money. Come around and try some of his prescriptions.

If you want the best work done cheap bring all of your job printing to the Rising Son.

**MR. L. R. SPRINGER, THE PROPRIETOR OF THE SADDLE ROCK OYSTER PARLOR AT NO. 709 WYANDOTTE ST., IS A YOUNG MAN TO BE COMPLEMENTED ON HIS SUCCESS AND BUSINESS ABILITY. HE HAS TRAVELED FROM ONE END OF THIS COUNTRY TO THE OTHER, AND HAS SEVERAL TRADES IN WHICH HE CAN EASILY EARN A GOOD LIVING IN EITHER ONE HE MAY CHOOSE TO WORK AT. IN THE NEAR FUTURE HE WILL HAVE ONE OF THE FINEST CAFES FOR COLORED PEOPLE IN THE GREAT WEST. WE ARE GLAD TO SAY THAT KANSAS CITY'S COLORED POPULATION IS PROUD OF HER YOUNG MEN OF ABILITY, AND GIVES THEM CREDIT FOR WHAT THEY CAN DO.**

**GIVE MR. SPRINGER A CALL AND TRY ONE OF HIS MEALS. THEY ARE FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT.**

**EDWARD ROSS,**  
President Y. M. C. A.

The subject of this sketch, Mr. Ross, has lived in Kansas City for 26 years. He has been connected with the Second Baptist church during his entire life in this community; doing great work for the church.

He has been identified with every race enterprise tending toward the uplift of the race. At present his steady and sincere work in the Y. M. C. A. is attracting great attention.



because of his splendid progress Mr. Ross took charge of the Y. M. C. A. when it had completely gone to almost failure. Prof. Starnes was the original organizer, but it was left to Mr. Ross to follow him and slowly build the institution on a stronger basis. At present his great work is confined to a \$2,000 canvass. Mr. Ross well deserves the hearty co-operation of his race. His work is an open book, ever onward to make good Christians and citizens out of our young men. This is his great aim in life. He intends to build a large construction and to have a more complete outfit for the Y. M. C. A.

Springfield, Mo. News.  
**FROM SPRINGFIELD.**  
Editor Rising Son,  
Dear Sir:—

Hon. A. W. Lloyd, G. C., Knight of Pythias for Missouri, wrote me recently that you would like to have an article from Springfield and that I must tell you something. Well, my dear sir, the Negroes of Springfield have lots to be thankful for and they need to get together and do something that will better the condition of the race and serve as an incentive for our young people—Springfield is quite a society town—three Masonic lodges, the K. of P., Knights of Tabar, Odd Fellows and very soon we will have the U. B. F.'s and G. M. T.'s. The Royal Arch Masons and Court of Heroes of Jericho observed Palm Sunday here on the 24th and Dr. J. S. Dorsey, the efficient pastor of Washington ave. Baptist church, preached for them a masterful sermon on the subject: "Ideal Womanhood." The sermon was truly a treat of admonition and edification and was replete with rich gems of nature. The sermon was well received and by the way, Dr. Dorsey is doing a great work here for the race and for his denomination, Springfield needs more such men and better still, Dr. Dorsey is a true Pythian and M. of Ex. of Fidelity lodge No. 7 on Sunday night March 24th.

The K. of P. and Court of Calanthe held their anniversary and Easter exercises at Washington Ave. Baptist church. The occasion was said to have been the grandest affair in the history of the order in Springfield and on Monday night, the 25th the order held a reception in their castle hall, at which, the Knight Templars of St. Andrews and Commandery No. 27 turned out in full dress and attended in a body. The occasion was a grand affair—the leading ministers of the city turning out and taking part—the Knights of Pythias of Missouri under the leadership of A. W. Lloyd, are making themselves felt, and are doing a work for the race that can not be gained said; they are proving beyond question the possibility of Negro leadership and his ability to manage and conduct great enterprises for the elevation and amelioration of the race. Mr. Lloyd is certainly an organizer and has done more for the order in the way of organization and influencing the leading Negro educators of the state to enroll in the K. of P.'s than all the other G. C. combined. Since the last session in Kansas City last July, he has organized 4 new lodges with a membership of 875 and two companies of the U. R. He is a Pythian that is doing things. His motto seems to be "When you have a good thing, push it along." A. W. Lloyd is certainly the right man in the right place. I am glad to note, also, that the colored press of Missouri has contributed very much to his success in the work of organizing and promoting the success and onward march of our progress in Pythianism and the Pythians throughout the jurisdiction should rally to the support of these journals.

Pythians, Calanthes, Sir Knights of the U. R., if you have been slow and tardy in your support of these Negro journals, let me urge you and insist that you wake up and do something substantial, take the papers, read them, distribute them among the brothers and last but not most important, pay for them. The writer is proud to report that we now have a promising U. R. company in Springfield and when you get ready to board the train for Louisville, next August look for "Syracuse" company No. 1, from Springfield. The Knights Templars of this city, together with Euclid Chapter No. 24, O. E. G., observed Easter at the C. P. Church Sunday, March 31st. An interesting musical and literary program was rendered. The Knights were looking their best. Drs. Dorsey and Simpson, made telling speeches, discussing what the race needs and what we must do. Dr. Simpson is the newly called pastor of Gysson Chapel C. P. church.

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church and is an able and scholarly minister. We predict for him a successful and beneficial stay in Springfield. We invite more such men and God bless our race. God bless our

knights band. God bless our leaders and give us more competent and worthy ones. God bless our press. God enable us all to come up fully to the measure of our opportunities, realizing that "we grow, like the things our souls believe and rise or sink as we aim high or low."

Yours for the race,  
B. F. ADAMS,  
C. C. and Principal Douglas school.

### JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

The entire office force of the Washington and Richmond headquarters has been moved to 194 Cumberland street, Norfolk, Virginia, where the work is now being carried on with a vigor and thoroughness that betokens results of a most satisfactory character.

The United Order of True Reformers, of which Rev. W. L. Taylor, of Richmond, is president, is to illustrate in a practical way the development of the Negro as a banker. They will erect a substantial building, and throughout the life of the Exposition, will have in full operation a model bank, with safe deposit attachment, staff of cashier and tellers, and will handle the money of concessionaires, receive deposits from visitors and employees, and transact a regular banking business for all who may require such service.

Our people may congratulate themselves upon the happy location of the Negro Building. It is situated near the main entrance to the Exposition grounds, and faces the principal thoroughfare—the first and most conspicuous structure the visitor sees when he passes through the gates.

The North Carolina exhibit will be especially fine, perhaps the most elaborate of the state exhibits. The work from the North Carolina institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind will be worth traveling many miles to see. This comprehensive exhibit is due to the energetic labors of Dr. C. N. Hunter, secretary of the State Commission, and Field Agent C. H. Williamson. It will be remembered that the state of North Carolina appropriated the handsome sum of \$5,000 to aid their progressive colored citizens in letting the world know how rapidly they are moving forward.

W. Sidney Pittman, who has been in Norfolk and at the Exposition grounds supervising the erection of the imposing structure he has designed, is one of the leading architects in this country, irrespective of race or color. He is a graduate of the Tuskegee Institute, and of the Drexel School of Fine Arts at Philadelphia. The building is a classic structure, 213 by 129 feet, two stories in height, and will cost \$40,000. It will be in itself a monumental exhibit of the artistic and mechanical genius of the Negro people in America.

The Indianapolis Freeman, a newspaper that enjoys a national reputation, and which is conceded to be one of the most influential race champions in the land, is out in a strong editorial endorsement of the Negro Exhibit. The race press can always afford to follow where Freeman leads.

Wilberforce University and Hampton Institute will make displays that are sure to attract widespread attention.

### ERNEST HOGAN IN "RUFUS RASTUS."

The unbleached American is playing in a very good musical comedy, which has attracted much attention for the past two years. This is the last year Mr. Hogan will play "Rufus Rastus". He will start from New York next year with a new company entitled "The Minister to Blazazus." The lyrics of this company and of the new company were composed by Mr. Lester A. Waldon, an old newspaper man of St. Louis, Mo.

Remember that H. C. Johnson is the Negro tombstone engraver and can sell you tombstones cheap. From \$5 and up. Give him a trial. Offices with Countee Brothers 914 E. 12th st. Both Phones 780 grand and main.

### THE YOUNG MEN MUST STAND TOGETHER.

In this community there is a conspiracy on a part of some of the older men to hold our young men down. This has been in evidence on several occasions. The older men some of which have not taken advantage of their opportunities find themselves being crowded by our younger men and they feel that the young men should be held back. Everywhere a young man sticks his head up for recognition, he finds the older man with the big stick ready to beat him back in line. The older men stir up strife between the young men in order to keep them from progressing.

What must the young man do? They must stick together. They must organize in order to advance. They must be prepared together to fight their way to the front.

Just a few days ago a Negro principal refused to support a Negro enterprise carried on by the pupils of the various negro schools of this city. We dare say, some of them possibly went to him. Now what is his duty as a teacher. Here they are. First he is to give his children knowledge and teach them race pride. Second he is supposed by his own actions to train them in the manner in which they should follow.

We wish to ask the public, has he done this? His job is a public position, held by the virtue of the race which he represents. Hundreds of families send their children to his school. They are sent there to receive a uniform education, but he in the very act of educating them thwarts the ambition of those going on ahead. Is this true education? No! It is a farce. It only shows he is a figure head and is only working for the salary it pays him, and not sincerely for the race. Young men you must stand together. Don't let the

old men throttle your ambition. Pull yourself up by your boot straps. Rise ever up over their struggling forms.

### DR. SMITH'S TRUE POSITION IN THE COMMUNITY.

Dr. Theo. Smith, our popular and successful druggist will sell his drug stores some time in the near future. He intends entering the drug business in Boston, Mass., where he will make his future home. The firm will fall in the hands of his faithful employees, Dr. S. E. Johnson, Dr. J. H. Chisselle and Dr. R. E. Andrews, and will be known as the Johnson, Chisselle and Andrews Drug Co. The Negro business Promoters Club will tender him a farewell reception at which the public will be invited. There will be speeches made by some of the best speakers of the state. Dr. Smith will talk and he will endeavor to show certain Negro physicians in their true colors and will no doubt say some sensational things. He will show the inconsistency that exists among some of our physicians and their unethical methods they practice. Dr. Smith in this speech shall explain his true position.

### THE DEATH OF W. B. THAYER.

A Great Friend of the Negroes and of The Rising Son.

W. B. Thayer of the firm of Emery, Bird and Thayer passed away just a few days ago. He is greatly mourned by the entire Negro race of this city.

Mr. Thayer was always a friend of the race. He has been contributing to the success of this paper for ten years in the form of advertisements. He was a personal subscriber to this paper for eight years. The Rising Son greatly regrets his death. Let the Negroes earnestly pray that some of the good white men of this country who are friends of the race be spared unto us.



**MRS. N. J. REYNOLDS.**  
The Only Living Chartered Member of Allen Chapel, A. M. E.

Mr. N. J. Reynolds, a historical church woman of our race, and evangelist of the Colorado conference, is a pioneer citizen of Kansas City. She is visiting her son, Mr. Wm. Bowles, of 719 E. Sixth St., and a host of old friends.

She was married in this city about 23 years ago to Mr. Benson Bowles, and later moved to Colorado, since which time she lost her husband in that state, and later in 1895 was the second time married to Mr. John Reynolds.

The great religious worker was inspired and moved by the spirit of Almighty God to go into all the world and preach the everlasting gospel. She started as an evangelist from the Colorado Conference, appointed by Bishop Tanner in 1899. Having been successful in her work in Colorado, she came eastward and has been very active this year in the evangelistic work in her home state. She visited a large number of churches in Missouri, and says she finds a great need of enthusiastic church workers who will go into the mission

work with all their mind and strength to do something for God and humanity.

The most interesting feature about the sketch of this character is that she is one of the founders of Allen Chapel in 1867 the first A. M. E. church, it was at that time located on Locust, between Third and Fourth streets. The first pastor of that church was Rev. William Owsley, who formerly resided in Carrollton, Mo.

There were only eight members who constituted the organization which was perfected by the Presiding of Leavenworth, Kansas, Rev. J. C. Emery, who later became to be a Bishop. The following are the eight charter members of the church of which all are dead except Mrs. Reynolds, whose former name was Annie Brown; William Lewis, Robert Campbell, Smith Douglass, Peter Willis, Delpha Lewis, Nancy Rounds, Nannie Brown and Phenix Brown.

Mrs. Reynolds will be glad to have her friends call while in the city which will only be about two weeks more, and then will return to Colorado Springs.

She will preach next Wednesday night at the A. M. E. church in Westport.